Special Chapter 4

Young dream

Meanwhile...
Do you wanna talk?
Do you remember what I told you about my parents...?
I know I'm feeling stupid trying to look up the past but...
Yes, but... you should move on. Thinking of it only makes you sad.
I looked up some information at the Rescue Base and found that the two Eeveelutions who were killed in front of my house were both males instead of one male and one female.
Which means...
Those Eeveelutions could be my dad and his friend or something, but my mom might still be alive somewhere.
I don't want to sound mean but...
If she was still alive, wouldn't she go and look for you years ago?
I know... That's what makes me doubt it.
Yellow!
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There you are!
Gai...?
Gai? You must be Silvia's brother. Nice to meet you.
And you must be Pearl. Thanks a lot for looking after my sweet little sister.
No problem.
What are you doing here?
Oh, just want to check on my future brother-in-law, but boy... I'm very disappointed in you for cheating on my sweet little sister...
What...?
Just kidding. You promised to teach me everything you learned. I've been waiting for 2 weeks.
Oh, right... I completely forgot about that...
I'm really sorry about this, Espy. I can't go with you now.
It's okay. You two have fun.

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It's you.
You may be strong but you're outnumbered.
Screw that. I'll take you on! 1 on 2!
You think we're afraid?!
Get him!
Hey!
Not the face!
Ow! Ow!
Argh!
I gotta say... I thought you were stronger.
Hey, are you okay?
I think so. What did you do to them?
Nothing, just teaching them a lesson.
Thanks for saving me.
Don't mention it. We're the same kind after all.
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You're...
Black is my name.
I'm Pearl. Nice to meet you.
Good to know. You should be more careful next time.
If you excuse me, I gotta go now.
Okay, see you later.
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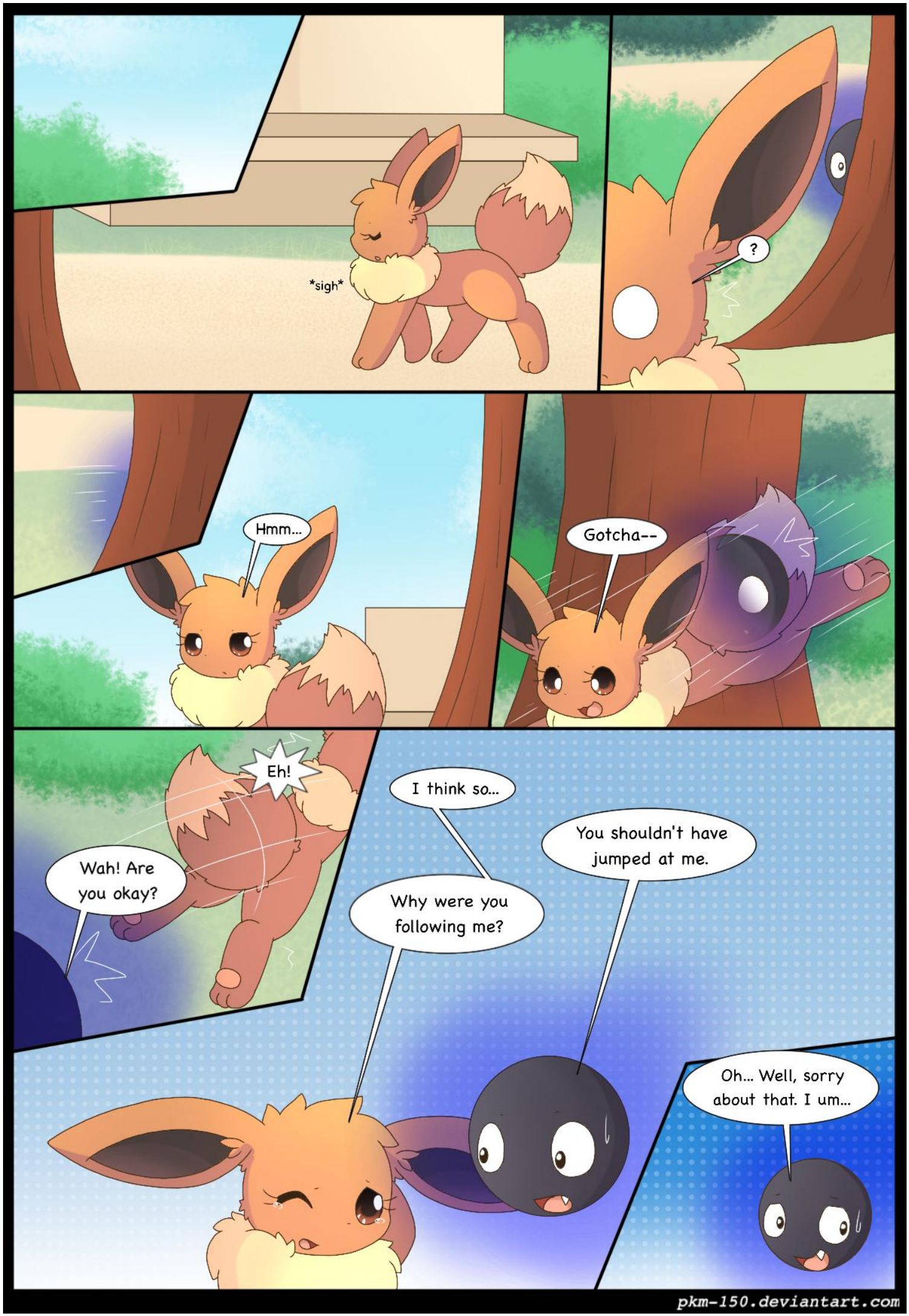
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Hmm...
Gotcha--
Eh!
Wah! Are you okay?
I think so...
Why were you following me?
You shouldn't have jumped at me.
Oh... Well, sorry about that. I um...
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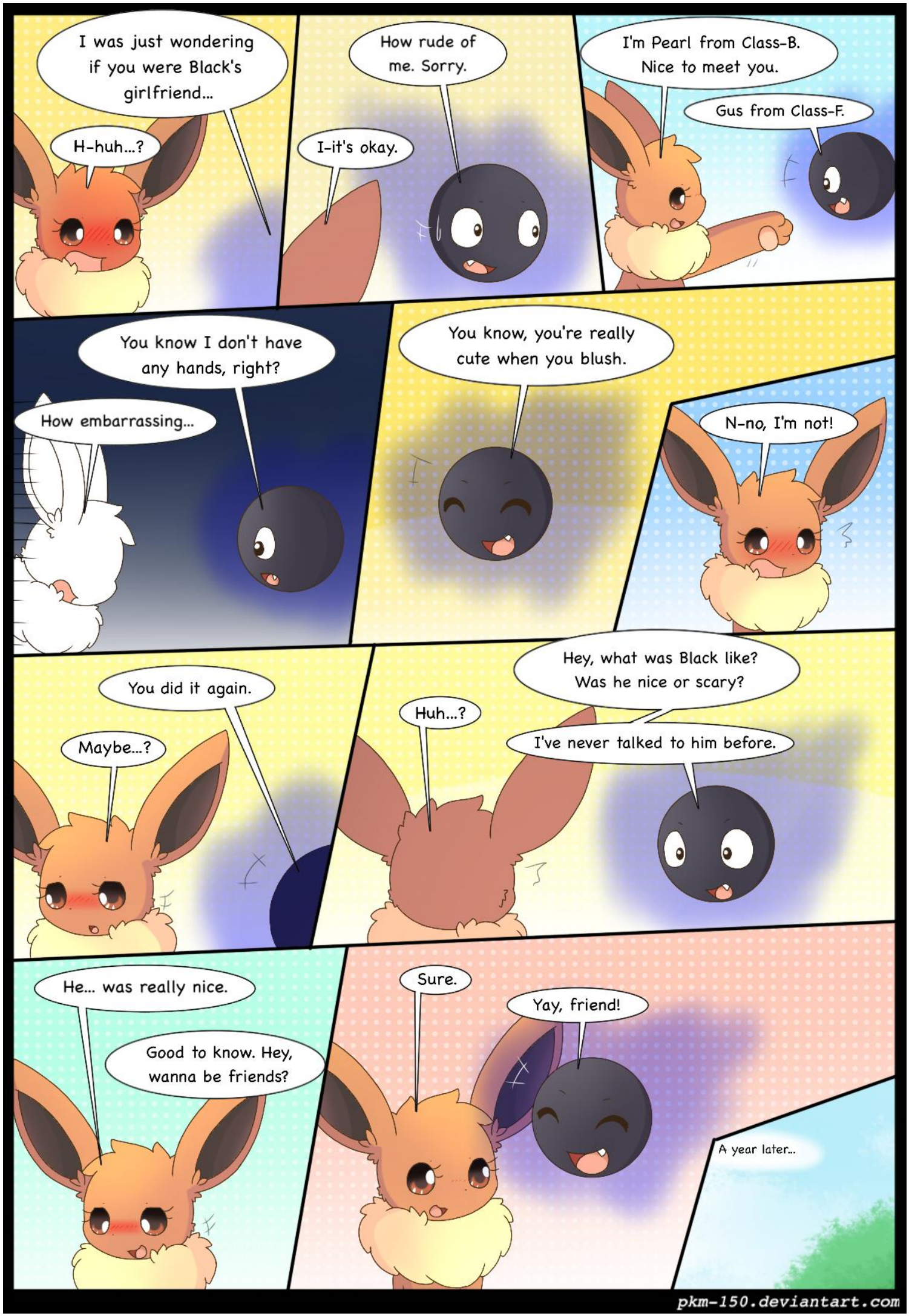
I was just wondering if you were Black's girlfriend...
H-huh...?
How rude of me. Sorry.
I-it's okay.
I'm Pearl from Class-B. Nice to meet you.
Gus from Class-F.
You know I don't have any hands, right?
How embarrassing...
You know, you're really cute when you blush.
N-no, I'm not!
You did it again.
Maybe...?
Hey, what was Black like? Was he nice or scary?
Huh...?
I've never talked to him before.
He... was really nice.
Good to know. Hey, wanna be friends?
Sure.
Yay, friend!
A year later...
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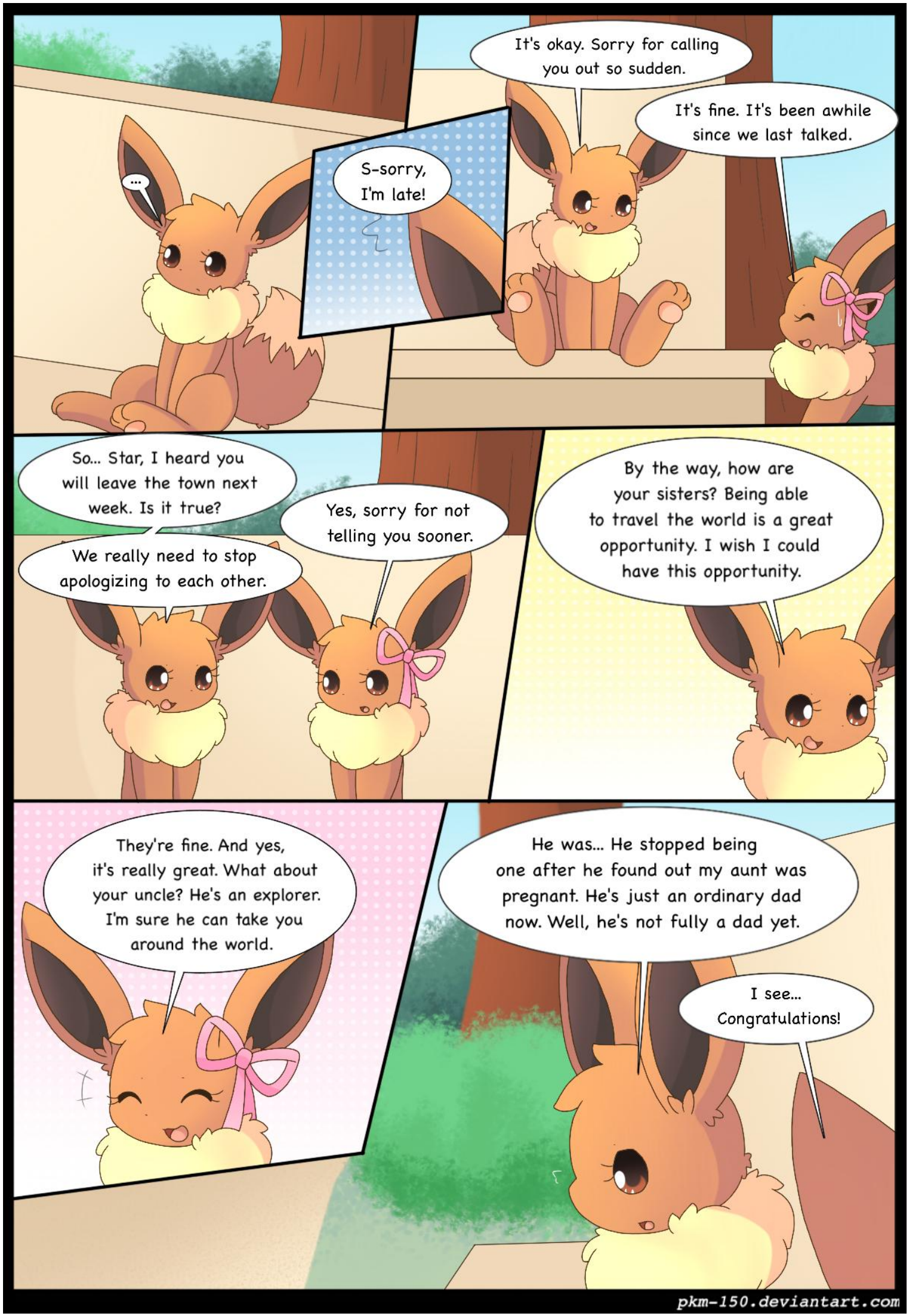
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S-sorry, I'm late!
It's okay. Sorry for calling you out so sudden.
It's fine. It's been awhile since we last talked.
So... Star, I heard you will leave the town next week. Is it true?
Yes, sorry for not telling you sooner.
We really need to stop apologizing to each other.
By the way, how are your sisters? Being able to travel the world is a great opportunity. I wish I could have this opportunity.
They're fine. And yes, it's really great. What about your uncle? He's an explorer. I'm sure he can take you around the world.
He was... He stopped being one after he found out my aunt was pregnant. He's just an ordinary dad now. Well, he's not fully a dad yet.
I see... Congratulations!

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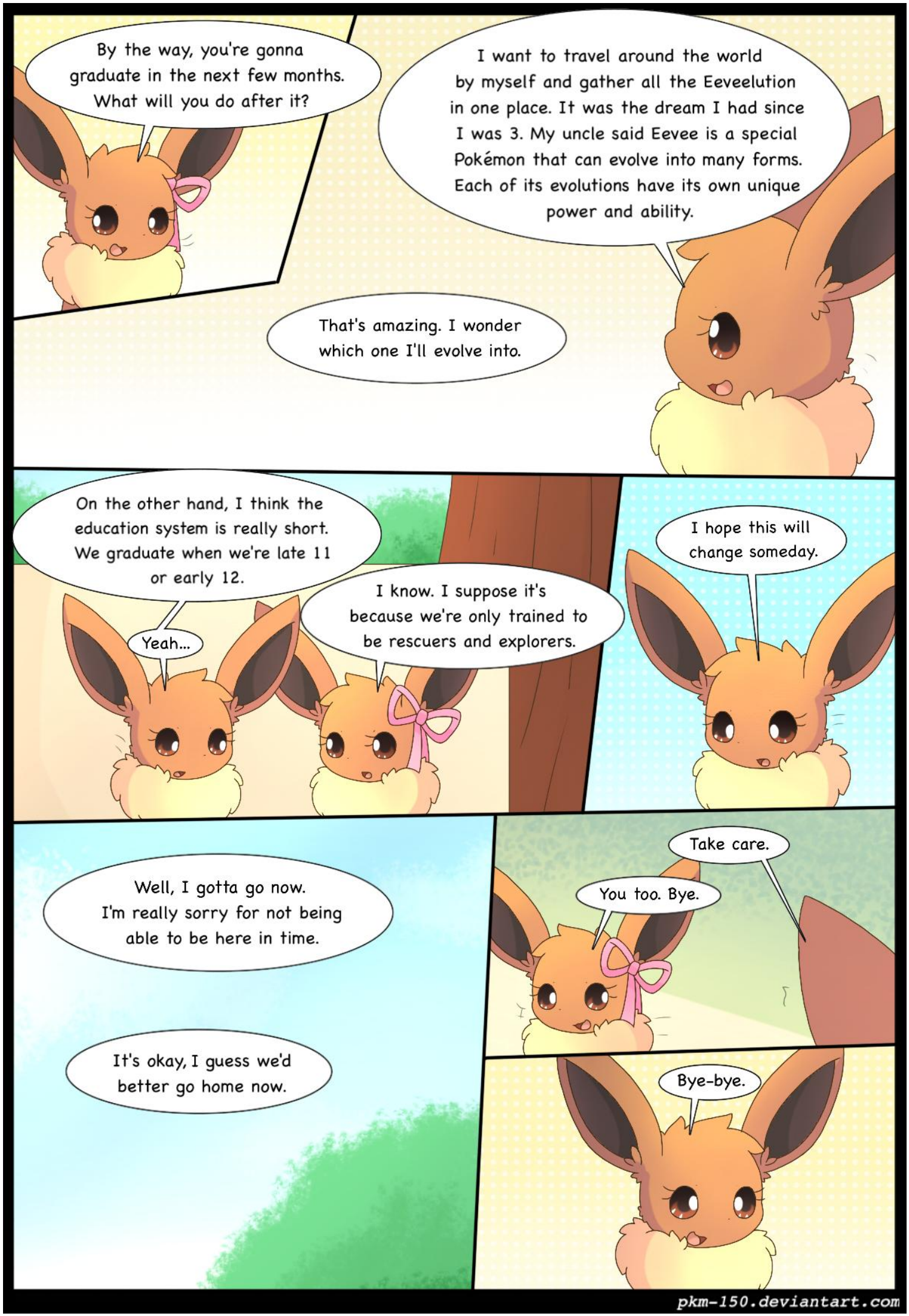
By the way, you're gonna graduate in the next few months. What will you do after it?
I want to travel around the world by myself and gather all the Eeveelution in one place. It was the dream I had since I was 3. My uncle said Eevee is a special Pokémon that can evolve into many forms. Each of its evolutions have its own unique power and ability.
That's amazing. I wonder which one I'll evolve into.
On the other hand, I think the education system is really short. We graduate when we're late 11 or early 12.
Yeah...
I know. I suppose it's because we're only trained to be rescuers and explorers.
I hope this will change someday.
Well, I gotta go now. I'm really sorry for not being able to be here in time.
It's okay, I guess we'd better go home now.
Take care.
You too. Bye.
Bye-bye.
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A few months later...
Congratulations, you are now graduated.
Wanna form an exploration team with me?
No, thanks. I'd rather be a mailman.
This evening...
Mom?
What is it, honey?
Where's dad? I saw him here a few minutes ago.
He went out to buy something to celebrate your graduation day.
By the way, we'll visit your aunt this weekend.
Really?
Yup.
Yay!
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This weekend...
Phew... It's a good thing that the security got improved a lot recently so there aren't any wild Pokémon attacking the travelers anymore.
Don't say that kind of thing in front of Pearl. You could scare her.
If she wants to be an explorer, she needs to know. This world can be a dangerous place.
Isn't that right?
Mom, dad's right. I will get stronger so you won't have to worry about me.
Of course you will.
I'm sure you've already known this. Your aunt is having a baby. Currently, it's still an egg, but you'll have a little cousin soon.
I know, mom. I can't wait for him or her to hatch.
We all do. Alright, let's keep moving.
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Long time no see, man.
You too, Bolt.
So you came all the way here to see us?
Of course, and your baby. How's it by the way?
I gotta say... You're one strange family.
Good, I guess. Doctor said it will hatch by the end of this year.
That's great.
Brian!
Well, it would be funnier if your kid will also be a Shiny Pokémon. Am I right?
Haha... Very funny.
Sorry, it's just they both are Shiny Pokémon.
Pearl, do you need anything? You seem curious.
Aunty, where's Mrs. Mollie?
Oh, she's in the backyard.

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Why don't you bring her here? I'm sure she'll enjoy some company.
Is someone talking about me?
Mrs. Mollie!
Pearl, careful. You could hurt her.
It's okay.
It seems you're able to walk now. Last time we saw you, you could only sit in one place.
I guess so. It's not that hard to walk on 3 legs once you get used to it.
You only have 3 legs? I didn't notice it before. How did it happen?
It's a long story... You're too young to understand.
But I want to know.
Your uncle is right. You wouldn't want to know it.
Well, she--
Brian!
Okay, okay. I won't tell her.

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Pearl?
Be good to your mom and dad, okay?
Yes?
Okay.
Blaze, wanna take a look at our garden?
Oh, right. We planted many flowers. I want you to see them.
That sounds nice. Let's go.
Here, let me help you.
Thanks.
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Well, I gotta go look after the egg now.
Okay.
What is it?
Dad?
Could you tell me what happened to Mrs. Mollie?
It's better if you don't know.
Please...
Fine, just don't tell your mom I told you this...
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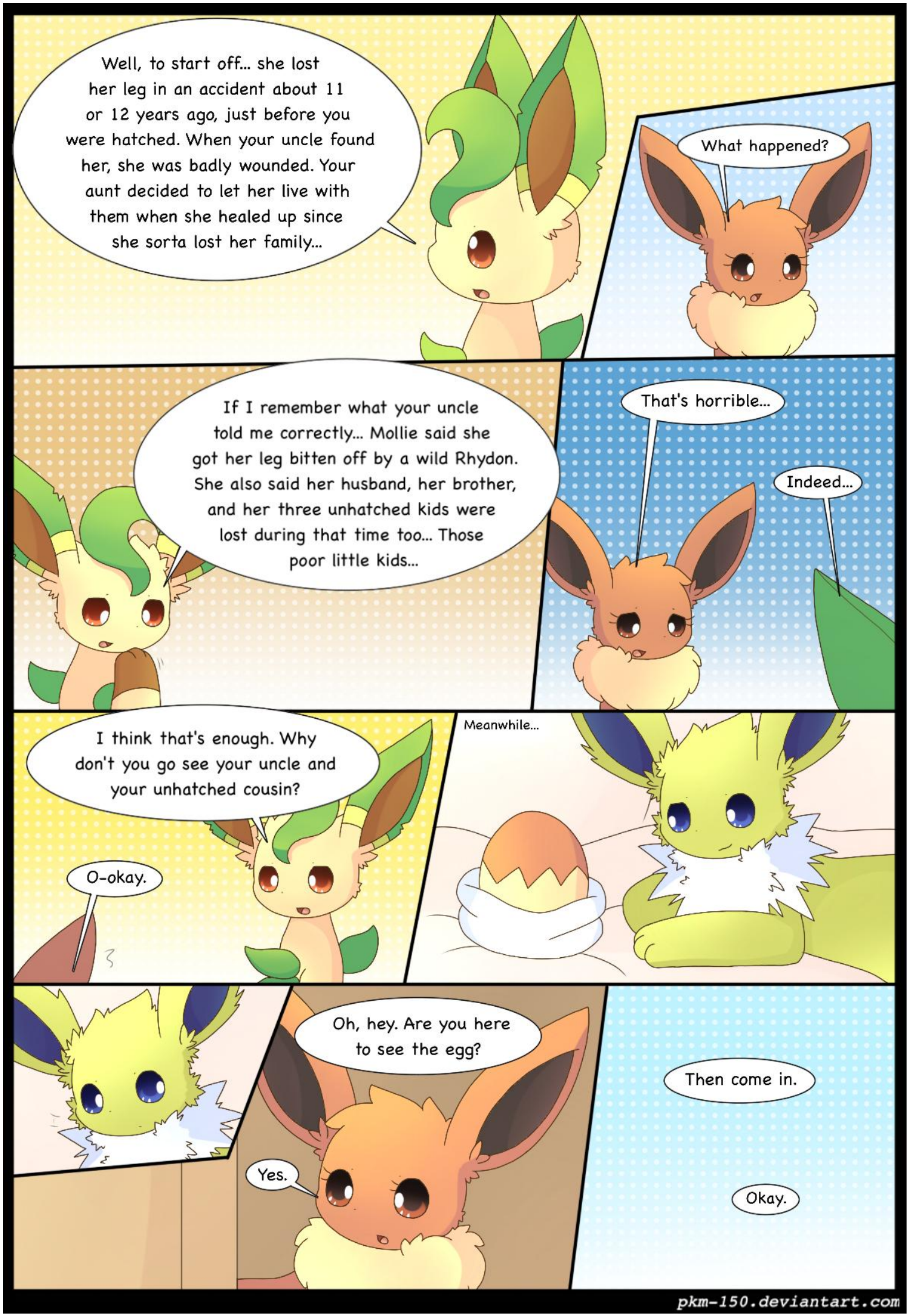
Well, to start off... she lost her leg in an accident about 11 or 12 years ago, just before you were hatched. When your uncle found her, she was badly wounded. Your aunt decided to let her live with them when she healed up since she sorta lost her family...
What happened?
If I remember what your uncle told me correctly... Mollie said she got her leg bitten off by a wild Rhydon. She also said her husband, her brother, and her three unhatched kids were lost during that time too... Those poor little kids...
That's horrible...
Indeed...
I think that's enough. Why don't you go see your uncle and your unhatched cousin?
O-okay.
Meanwhile...
Oh, hey. Are you here to see the egg?
Yes.
Then come in.
Okay.
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Wow...
You know, you used to be like this too. It feels just like it was only yesterday... Now look at you, you grew up to be a cute little girl.
Uncle?
Yes?
Do you think Mrs. Mollie is okay?
Well, of course. I'm sure you just worry about her.
Uncle, there's one more thing I want to ask you.
What is it?
Is it okay to date a boy? And what should he be like?
Maybe... and for the quality of that kid, you could try to find someone like me.
A Jolteon like you?
Not exactly.
What I meant was try to find someone who really cares about you and is willing to give up everything for you like me toward your aunt.
Oh.
So do you have anything to tell your unhatched cousin?
Yes.
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Hey there, cousin.
I can't wait for you to arrive in this world.
We're going to have a lot of bonding to do. Everyone will be there for you.
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Pearl, you're glowing!
I am...?
Pearl, you're an Espeon now.
Espeon...?
I evolved...?
Yes, I'll go and bring your parents the good news.
Soon...
Pearl!

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I'm so, so proud of you!
Me too!
Thanks, mom.
Thanks, dad.
Teehee.
Back to reality...
Aunty wants to go on an island trip with everyone next month.
I wonder if everyone is okay with it.
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